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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
MARTINEZ et al : Examiner: J. Taylor
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicant(s) respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for two additional months, until

November 15, 2001.

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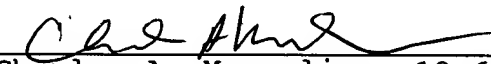
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